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1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT RELEASED MAY 26 BY IEG MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED OR ABBREVIATED):

BEGIN QUOTE: SPOKESMAN OF MININFO YESTERDAY DESCRIBED
AS OUTRIGHT MISREPRESENTATION CONTENTS OF BROADCAST
FROM RADIO MOGADISHO SUNDAY, CONCERNING INCIDENT IN
WHICH CONTINGENT OF SOMALI ARMED FORCES CROSSED WELL
WITHIN THE ETHIOPIAN SIDE OF THE ETHIO-SOMALIA
BOUNDARY AND LATER WITHDREW TO ITS FORMER POSITION
AT REQUEST OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

SPOKESMAN FURTHER SAID THAT ALLEGATION OF RADIO
MOGADISHO, INSAME BROADCAST, THAT THE ETHIOPIAN
ARMED FORCES IN AREA WERE LED BY WHITE OFFICERS
WAS ABSOLUTELY ABSURD. ETHIOPIA WILL ALWAYS AS
IN PAST RELY ON HER OWN PEOPLE FOR DEFENSE OF HER
INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT IN THIS AS IN OTHER
BORDER INCIDENTS WITH SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA HAS SHOWN
AND WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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AND RESTRAINT IN AVOIDING ANY DRAMATIZATION OF EVENTS,

AND WILL ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOOD
NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS AS PRESCRIBED BY CHARTER OF
UN AND THAT OF OAU. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD WELCOME TEXT OF RADIO MOG BROADCAST
TO WHICH THIS IS REBUTTAL. RE SPECIFIC SOMALI CHARGE ABOUT
"WHITE OFFICERS", AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REFTEL A, CONTACT
INVOLVED ETHIOPIANS ONLY. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND MAIN PARTY
SIX KMS TO REAR INCLUDED TEN EXPATRIATES (AMERICAN, CANADIAN
AND BRITISH). THESE EXPATRIATES WERE NOT RPT NOT IN ANY SENSE
LEADING ETHIOPIAN TROOPS WHICH WERE GUARDING SURVEY TEAM.
EMBASSY HAS NO INFO ON GELADI INCIDENT REPORTED REFTEL B. WYMAN

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